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1. [REDACTED] recently arrived military attachés at the Soviet Embassy in Buenos Aires are expressing the following views in regard to present United States foreign policy in Latin America:

- a. The aim of United States foreign policy with respect to the other American republics is to organize war industries in those countries in order to make any projected attack on the United States by Russia more difficult.
- b. The United States plan of decentralizing war industries in this hemisphere, which will be discussed at the Rio conference, will probably succeed, and for that reason Russia is especially interested in Argentina at this time.

2. The Soviet military attachés also claim that there is little fear in Russia because of the atomic bomb, since industry there is already greatly dispersed. They believe that the manufacture of V-2 and V-3 rockets is cheaper and simpler, and allege that the Soviet Army has recently conducted some very successful experiments with such rockets. The Soviet army officers expressing these opinions are:

Colonel Pavel Barsukov, Military Attache, Buenos Aires
Colonel Alexei Orishenko, " " " "
Major Alexandro Lasarenko, Air Attache, " "

3. Source further reports that at least one satellite diplomat in Buenos Aires is in agreement with the Soviet viewpoint on the aim of the United States to decentralize war industries throughout the Western Hemisphere. The satellite diplomat believes that the United States has already paved the way for the implementation of such a plan in Mexico. However, he feels that more difficulty will be encountered in Argentina, because General Peron will not be easy to convince, and also because nationalistic elements in the Argentine Army will oppose any such plan.

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